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SUBJECT: R/V RESEARCHER CLEARANCE REQUEST, 15 FEB-2APR 1978

1. R/V RESEARCHER, A PUBLIC VESSEL OPERATED BY THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA), IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OFF THE COASTS OF VENEZUELA AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO STUDY SHORT TERM DIAGENESIS PROCESSES IN THE OCEAN AND TO DETERMINE THE CHEMICAL CHANGES THAT OCCUR IN THE DISSOLVED AND PARTICULATE MATTER NATURALLY OCCURRING IN A WATER MASS WHICH LEAVES THE SURFACE IN THE MID-ATLANTIC AND FLOWS INTO THE CARIBBEAN AT DEPTH OVER A PERIOD OF MONTHS. THIS WILL ALLOW COMPARISONS TO OTHER OCEAN AREAS WHERE MAN-MADE SUBSTANCES HAVE BEEN DEPOSITED IN THE OCEANS.
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2. OCEANOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS ARE PLANNED TO INCLUDE CSTD AND WATER SAMPLING, FREE FLOATING SEDIMENT TRAPS, IN SITU PRO-DUCTIVITY MEASUREMENTS, MOCNESS (MULTIPLE OPENING/CLOSING NET AND ENVIRONMENTAL SENSING SYSTEM) NET PLANKTON TRAWLS, 60 CM BOTTOM GRAVITY CORES, AND 20 AND 200 KHZ ACOUSTIC MEASUREMENTS TO MEASURE PARTICULATE CONCENTRATION DISTRI-

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BUTION IN THE WATER COLUMN. ON BOARD ANALYSIS OF THE SAMPLES WILL INCLUDE SALINITY, WINKLER DISSOLVED OXYGEN,

AUTO ANALYZER, FILTERING, CHEMICAL EXTRACTION, AND COULTER COUNTER, BRYCE PHOENIX LIGHT SCATTERING, AND GAS CHROMATOGRAPH MEASUREMENTS.

3. THE CHIEF SCIENTIST IS DR. DONALD K. ATWOOD OF NOAA'S ATLANTIC OCEANOGRAPHIC AND METEOROLOGICAL LABORATORY (AOML). HE WILL BE ASSISTED BY 15 SCIENTISTS AND TWO BERTHS EACH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND VENEZUELA TO PARTICIPATE ON THE CRUISE. ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE FREELY SHARED WITH BOTH GOVERNMENTS. DR. ATWOOD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH DR. R. R. LANKFORD OF UNDEP AND MR. CRUZ MATOS OF THE INSTITUTE OF MARINE AFFAIRS, WHO MAY BE CONTACTED IN PORT OF SPAIN REGARDING THE CRUISE. BOTH SUPPORT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH.

4. PORT CALLS ARE PLANNED AT BARBADOS (9-13 MARCH) AND AT LA GUAIRA (23-27 MARCH) AND PARTICIPANTS COULD EMBARK AND DISEMBARK THERE. A SHIP'S TRACK IS BEING POUCHED.

5. R/V RESEARCHER IS 3,000 GROSS TONS, 278 FT. LONG, AND HAS AN 18 FT. DRAFT. SHIP'S MASTER IS PHILIP J. TAETZ WITH A CREW OF 70. RADIO CALL SIGN IS WTER AND SHIP MONITORS EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES CONTINUOUSLY WHILE UNCLASSIFIED

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6. FOR PORT OF SPAIN AND CARACAS: EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR RESEARCHER TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN TERRITORIAL WATERS AND ON CONTINENTAL SHELF DURING PERIOD 15 FEB - 2 APR 1978. PORT CALL IS ALSO REQUESTED AT LA GUAIRA FOR 23-27 MAR 1978.

FOR BRIDGETOWN: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR RESEARCHER PORT CALL ON 9-13 MARCH 1978. VANCE

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